

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on January 17, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 115, 1/12/2011; HB 129, 1/12/2011  
Executive Action: HB 115 Tabled

**HEARING ON HB 115**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:33 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 115,  
Revise Medicaid eligibility criteria to implement federal health care reform.  
00:01:57 Chairman Howard

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:02:30 Rep. Furey  
00:02:41 Sue O'Connell  
00:02:58 Chairman Howard

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

**HEARING ON HB 129**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:38 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 129, Create state-  
level external review process for health insurance.  
00:07:29 Chairman Howard  
00:07:37 Anita Roessmann, Community Member

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:08 Jesse Laslovich, on behalf of State Auditor Monica Lindeen  
[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh12a01\)\*\*](#)  
00:15:52 Susan Witte, Vice President of Allegiance Life Company  
[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh12a02\)\*\*](#)  
[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh12a03\)\*\*](#)  
00:18:38 Dennis Lopach, American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)  
00:19:30 Claudia Clifford, Advocate for Association of American Retired People (AARP)  
00:20:25 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:53 Rep. Smith

00:22:27	Jesse Laslovich
00:22:56	Rep. Smith
00:23:08	Jesse Laslovich
00:23:36	Rep. Smith
00:24:12	Jesse Laslovich
00:24:59	Rep. Smith
00:25:23	Jesse Laslovich
00:25:38	Rep. Smith
00:25:42	Jesse Laslovich
00:25:47	Chairman Roberts
00:25:51	Rep. Ingraham
00:26:43	Jesse Laslovich
00:27:35	Rep. Ingraham
00:27:44	Jesse Laslovich
00:27:58	Rep. More
00:28:34	Dennis Lopach, AHIP
00:28:56	Rep. More
00:29:13	Jesse Laslovich
00:30:44	Chairman
00:30:51	Rep. Smith
00:31:29	Jesse Laslovich
00:32:53	Rep. Smith
00:33:21	Jesse Laslovich
00:33:59	Rep. Ingraham
00:34:41	Jesse Laslovich
00:35:51	Rep. Smith
00:36:49	Jesse Laslovich
00:37:48	Chairman Howard
00:38:37	Jesse Laslovich
00:39:29	Chairman Howard
00:39:44	Jesse Laslovich
00:40:27	Chairman Howard
00:40:33	Rep. Read
00:41:22	Jesse Laslovich
00:42:24	Chairman Howard
00:42:43	Jesse Laslovich
00:42:51	Chairman Howard
00:43:03	Jesse Laslovich
00:43:15	Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:43:45	Jesse Laslovich
00:44:35	Rep. Ingraham
00:45:56	Jesse Laslovich
00:46:04	Chairman Howard
00:46:07	Jesse Laslovich
00:46:28	Rep. Kennedy
00:47:13	Chairman Howard
00:46:43	Jesse Laslovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:23 Rep. MacLaren  
00:50:13 Chairman Howard  
00:50:46 Rep. Noonan  
00:50:50 Chairman Howard  
00:51:07 Rep. Noonan  
00:51:15 Chairman Howard  
00:51:20 Rep. Ingraham

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115**

00:51:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bangerter moved that **HB 115 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:52:00 Sue O'Connell

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[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh12a05\)\*\*](#)

00:53:51 Rep. Bangerter

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:54:01

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh12aad.pdf](#))**